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DECLARATION 9.

ON THE DESIRABILITY OF UNIVERSITIES INCLUDING ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE IN THEIR COURSES OF GENERAL AND SYSTEMATIC ZOOLOGY.

DECLARATION.—The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature suggest that at least every course of lectures in general zoology should contain a reference to the existence of the Rules embodied in the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature and that advanced courses in systematic zoology should contain a discussion of at least the principles and practices of zoological nomenclature.

At their Session held at Padua in 1930 during the Eleventh International Congress of Zoology, the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature had under review the main causes leading to confusion in zoological nomenclature. It appeared to the Commission that in the form that it had then (1930) reached the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature provided for the elimination of most of the causes that had formerly led to confusion and that what was chiefly required was the wider diffusion of knowledge among professional zoologists regarding the International Code and the principles upon which it was based. In framing their report to the Eleventh International Congress of Zoology, the Commission accordingly devoted two paragraphs (paragraphs 28 and 29) to this subject.

2. Paragraphs 28 and 29 of the Commission's report read as follows :—

28. *Causes for Confusion in Nomenclature.*—There are many causes for confusion on zoological names. The present Rules provide for the elimination of most of these confusing factors. The ultimate result as respects uniformity in scientific names depends upon the practical application of the Rules to the problems at hand. In order to be able to apply the Rules, zoologists must know at least of their existence and of their fundamental nature. To this end the Commission suggests that at least every course of lectures in General Zoology contain a reference to the existence of the Rules and that advanced courses in Systematic Zoology contain a discussion of at least the Principles and Practices of Zoological Nomenclature.

29. It is interesting and significant that a few Universities now give a series of four to ten lectures on the International Rules to their advanced students in Zoology, for instance to candidates for the degrees of Magister and of Doctor.

3. The report of the Commission containing the foregoing paragraphs was approved by the Section on Nomenclature at its joint meeting with the International Commission held at Padua on 10th September 1930. The report was then submitted to the Eleventh International Congress of Zoology by whom it was unanimously approved and adopted at the final Concilium Plenum of the Congress at Padua.

4. The present *Declaration* was concurred in by the eighteen (18) Commissioners and Alternates present at the Padua Session of the International Commission, namely :—

Commissioners :—Apstein; Bather; Bolivar y Pieltain; Horváth; Jordan (K.); Stejneger; and Stiles.

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CERTIFICATE :

I, FRANCIS HEMMING, Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, hereby CERTIFY that the present *Declaration* has been compiled from the records of the Proceedings of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature at their Session held at Padua in September 1930 during the Eleventh International Congress of Zoology.

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Opinions and Declarations Rendered by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature.

Volume 1 will contain *Declarations 1-9* (which have never previously been published) and *Opinions 1-133* (the original issue of which is now out of print). Parts 1-9 (containing *Declarations 1-9*) have now been published.

Volume 2 commences with *Declaration 10* and *Opinion 134*. Parts 1-21 (containing *Declarations 10* and *11* and *Opinions 134-152*) have so far been published. The titles of these *Opinions* are given on the wrappers to Parts 1 and 2 of the *Bulletin*. Other Parts will be published shortly.

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